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IRREGULARITIES IN IFFI
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigated into the alleged financial fraud related to expenditure incurred on infrastructure development for International Film Festival of India (IFFI), 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI completed its investigation/probe into such allegation;

(d) if so, the details of the reports submitted by CBI and the action taken against the persons involved into such fraud; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR.S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a) to (e): As informed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the investigation relating to infrastructure developed by Government of Goa for International Film Festival of India (IFFt) is being conducted by them, on the request from Government of Goa. A case was registered by CBI in 2007 on the allegations of financial fraud related to expenditure incurred on infrastructure development for IFFI. CBI has, further, informed that the case involved detailed investigations into a number of allegations involving various departments, examination of large number of witnesses, documents, many suspects, namely, contractors, consultant and officials of the Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation (GSIDC), Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG) and others. CBI has also informed that various projects undertaken during IFFI 2004 are required to be technically examined.